

**Logistics Task Force Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2011  
Fort Bragg, NC**

Lt. Governor Walter Dalton, Chairman of the Governor's Logistics Task Force, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. on Monday, March 14, at the Regional Transportation Institute at Fort Bragg, NC with the following members present:

Al Delia, Beth Austin, Dan Danieleley, Pat Long, Tom Eagar, John Atkins, Larry Wooten, Paul Friday, and David Willauer.

Roberto Canales attended on behalf of Gene Conti, Stephanie McGarrah and Jed McMillan attended on behalf on Keith Crisco, Amie Simes attended on behalf of Dee Freeman, and Richard Monroe attended on behalf of Paul Kauffmann.

Members absent were: Clark Jenkins, Michael Walters, Nelson Cole, Danny McComas, Dawn Clegg, Allen Joines, Earl Brinkley, Buddy Shavender, Dee Blackwell, Terry Bellamy, Jerry Orr, Bob Morgan, Gary Teng, David Congdon, Lew Ebert and Joseph Stephens.

Chairman Dalton introduced Major General Gregory Lusk, Adjutant General of the North Carolina National Guard, who welcomed everyone to Fort Bragg and thanked the Task Force for the work they are doing with the National Guard and for North Carolina.

Chairman Dalton thanked everyone for attending the meeting and shared the Task Force's statewide plan for looking at logistics. He stated that he is very proud of the military presence in our state. Chairman Dalton introduced Colonel Beth Austin and thanked her for arranging the meeting.

Colonel Austin, NC National Guard, J4 Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, and member of the Logistics Task Force, welcomed everyone and shared information regarding the National Guard. She stated the military is made up of active and reserve components. The National Guard makes up 33% of the Army. Major headquarters are located in Raleigh, Charlotte, Clinton, Washington, Morrisville, Greensboro and Ft. Bragg. The approximate number of people serving at the headquarters is 11,700. Construction of a new Joint Force Headquarters is underway and scheduled to be complete in May 2011. This facility is located off District Drive in Raleigh and will house operations center for NCDOT, Emergency Management and Communications Center for SHP. Colonel Austin stated the National Guard provides ready forces in support of Federal missions State missions. They also participate in local, state and national programs that add value to our families, employees and communities. Two Federal Missions they have participated in are Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The National Guard also provides counterdrug support to Law Enforcement Agencies and community groups. Colonel Austin also shared information regarding logistics support to the NC National Guard. A copy of Colonel Austin's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #1.

Chairman Dalton thanked Colonel Austin and introduced Major General Carl Jensen, Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations East. Major General Jensen shared information with the Task Force regarding the MCI East Installations. MCIEAST controls seven of the nine Marine Corps installations on the East Coast and is headquartered in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He stated they have developed a strong partnership with North Carolina, and when coupled with a coordinated regional planning effort, it will further enhance their ability to train. He also stated that North Carolina is the most military friendly state in the union. Major General Jensen stated the utilization of regional partnerships with critical stakeholders will help alleviate future logistical issues and concerns. A copy of Major General Jensen's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #2.

Task Force Member David Willauer asked about rail use in the military. Major General Jensen replied that the military still use rail; however, the importance has diminished in the past years. Mr. Willauer also asked about the use of NC Ports. Major General Jensen stated the tug prices are extremely high in Morehead City. The Navy is responsible for paying these bills and they are very concerned with the high prices due to no competition.

Task Force Member Dan Danieleley asked if the air training space is adequate. Major General Jensen stated this was something that needs to be looked at very closely in the future.

Task Force Member Larry Wooten stated the Agriculture Industry is working closely with the military to make sure both aspects are met. They are working with local land owners to try and get easements. They are willing to consider 20 - 50 year easements. They have multiple stake holders.

Chairman Dalton thanked Major General Jensen and introduced Colonel Shirlene Ostrov, (USAF), United States Transportation Command. Colonel Ostrov presented information to the Task Force regarding the USTRANSCOM. This is a joint command with a staff total of 2,397 military, civilians and contractors. The TRANSCOM Team has a total force of ~145,000 that provide air, land, and sea transportation for the DOD, in both time of peace and time of war. On any given day they may handle 100 railcar shipments, have 44 ships loading, offloading or underway, and handle 480 airlift missions, among many other tasks. There is an aircraft takeoff or landing every 79 seconds. Colonel Ostrov stated there are several challenges ahead; however, their bottom line is to support the warfighter. The four steps of this are: 1) get the warfighter to the fight, 2) Sustain the warfighter during the fight, 3) Support rapid force maneuver and patient movement and 4) Bring the warfighter home. A copy of Colonel Ostrov's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #3.

Chairman Dalton thanked Colonel Ostrov and introduced Colonel Stephen Sicinski, Garrison Commander, Fort Bragg. Colonel Sicinski presented information to the Task Force regarding demographic figures of Fort Bragg. It is the largest Army installation in the inventory. The total Fort Bragg population in FY 10 was 148,450. The eleven surrounding counties are called the All American Corridor with a population of 262,685.

Fort Bragg covers 160,000 acres. Colonel Sicinski also shared information regarding Womack Army Medical Center. This is the largest in the installation. An average day at Womack consists of 27 surgical procedures, 1,028 X-rays, CT Scans and MRI's, 183 ER Encounters and 9 babies born. The economic direct/indirect impact is \$9.5B annually. Colonel Sicinski expressed the importance of a direct flight link from Fort Bragg to Washington DC, Reagan National. A copy of Colonel Sicinski's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #4

Chairman Dalton introduced Colonel Mark McCormick, President, Army Logistics University. Colonel McCormick presented information regarding the university located at Ft. Lee, VA. The university was established in 2009. The mission of the university is to provide professional military education (PME) and professional development education and training to the Army's logistics civilians, officers, warrant officers, NCOs, as well as members of other Services and agencies and international partners. The ALU enhances readiness and sustainability of US forces through education and training in logistics, acquisition, and operations research and systems analysis. They have 3 colleges and 1 NCO academy. A copy of Colonel McCormick's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #5.

Chairman Dalton thanked Colonel McCormick and introduced Captain Anthony Popiel, Sector Commander, US Coast Guard Sector North Carolina. Captain Popiel presented information to the Task Force on the Base Support Unit located in Elizabeth City, NC. He also shared information regarding the Coast Guard Exchange 3M project. This facility will be 13,000 GSF and have mini-mart/gas station and a barber shop/hair styling. It was funded via non-appropriated funds by Community Service Command (CSC) with a budget of \$3M. The Barracks Building is 64,308 GSF with the central core area having office, recreation and support spaces. The Galley Building will be 9,044 GSF with 84 indoor seats and 16 seats in the exterior covered patio. Captain Popiel also shared information regarding the Air Station Elizabeth City. A copy of Captain Popiel's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #6.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:34 p.m.

Chairman Dalton reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Chairman Dalton introduced Colonel (Ret.) Mark Sutherland, Eastern Region Military Growth Task Force. Colonel Sutherland presented information to the Task Force regarding the Military Growth Task Force. They are an eight county consortium funded by DoD (OEA), NCER, counties and private donors. Colonel Sutherland stated we should think about your military as an industry. Congress has instructed for the DoD budget to be reduced by 25%. North Carolina is the only area that has not lost a military installation due to BRAC. He expressed the reason North Carolina was such a good area is because it is centrally located with existing airfield, rail, highway and port capacity and there are large tracts of flat land, away from corrosive effect of the sea. A copy of Colonel Sutherland's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #7.

Chairman Dalton thanked Colonel Sutherland and introduced Mr. Greg Taylor, BRAC Regional Task Force which is now called Fort Bragg Regional Alliance. Fort Bragg Regional Alliance is a partnership of local governments with 11 member counties. Mr. Taylor expressed appreciation to the Governor and the Board of Transportation for allocating the funding to make the Fort Bragg to I-295 connection happen. He discussed several projects that would benefit the area. Mr. Taylor stated the Fort Bragg Region contains vital links of the Strategic Rail Corridor Network which is a continuous and interconnected rail system of over 38,000 miles of track connecting all major Army installations, depots and ports of embarkation. However, he stated the current rail service is inefficient. Mr. Taylor shared the status of the Freight Rail Study regarding the new Fort Bragg-CSXT connector. He also shared several recommendations of the BRAC-RTF Military Freight Rail Study. A copy of Mr. Taylor's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #8.

Chairman Dalton thanked Mr. Taylor and introduced Colonel (Ret.) John Nicholson, Governor's Military Affairs Advisor. Colonel Nicholson shared the focused areas of interest. Senior DoD/ Executive leadership concerns are: Basic Infrastructure/Services and Encroachment. Future Planning: Establish plans/conditions to best position the state to complement future National Security/Defense requirements. Colonel Nicholson also stated the importance and need for the air slots at Reagan National in Washington, DC. A copy of Colonel Nicholson's presentation is made a part of the minutes as Addendum #9.

Chairman Dalton opened the floor for public comments. There being none, Chairman Dalton informed the Task Force members of information that will be sent out soon asking for their insight in working with the 7 Portals information on the potential for logistics village locations.

The next Logistics Task Force meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2011 in Morehead City.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.